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Building the Future – Public Input Shapes Updated School Designs

NORFOLK, VA – In an ongoing effort to keep the public informed throughout the Public-Private Educational Facilities and Infrastructure Act (PPEA) process, the latest school designs, site plans and space allocations for five replacement schools are ready for review on the PPEA webpage, www.norfolk.gov/PPEA. Members of the public are encouraged to submit their comments about the updated designs via a short survey available on the same webpage. The schools are Campostella K-8, the Broad Creek-area elementary school, Larchmont Elementary, Ocean View Elementary and Camp Allen Elementary.

The new designs represent significant input from the City and school administrations, principals, teachers, students, parents and community members. The collective public input was gathered from more than 785 individual online survey submittals and 10 public engagement meetings.

The designs were prepared for the City's Architectural Review Board (ARB) review, a requirement for the construction of any public facility. The ARB will discuss the designs on August 25, 2014, and provide comments to contractor S.B. Ballard and the joint city-school division PPEA team. ARB final review and approval is scheduled for September.

The designs are part of the Interim Agreement with S.B. Ballard Construction Company to help determine final cost and final designs for all five schools. The final cost and final designs are part of the Comprehensive Agreement, on which the Norfolk City Council will vote this fall.

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